



NEWSLETTER MAY 12 – MAY 18, 2024

Jesus said to his disciples: "You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another." -John 15



If you missed church last Sunday, you missed a couple of treats: M&M's AND being transported to a place where we imagined God's presence and the many different ways we each see God's image in our lives; in both the joy and the pain. In all cases, God always loves us and wants us to love each other. If you missed it or to experience it again (minus the M&Ms), you can catch the entire service on Facebook or YouTube.

Upcoming noteworthy dates include:

MAY:

- May 12th: 7th Sunday in Easter/Sunday After Ascension Day/Mother's Day
- May 18th: Our Delegates vote for our 17th Diocesan Bishop! *(See p 2-3 for new updates)*
- May 19th: The Day of Pentecost (Whitsunday). *Although not required, our tradition is to wear colors of the Holy Spirit flame (red, yellow and/or orange). If you speak or can read a short passage in a non-English language from your pew, please reach out to Fr. Jon or to Anne Jackson if you are interested in simulating the Pentecost story when people heard God's Word in different languages at the same time.*
- May 26th: 1st Sunday after Pentecost and Trinity Sunday when we will celebrate with Morning Prayer
- May 27th: Memorial Day

JUNE and beyond:

- June 9th: Third Sunday after Pentecost and **Emmanuel Parish Picnic – Save the date!** Weather permitting, we will hold our parish potluck picnic in the church yard; otherwise in the Parish Hall. Anne Jackson (grammarlylady@verizon.net) has agreed to keep the list of who is bringing what. Please see Cathy McCarthy if you would like to help with the overall event. More information will be provided later in the month.
- June 16th: Fourth Sunday after Pentecost / Father's Day
- June 19th: Juneteenth
- Registration is open now for summer camp at the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference center. *See page 4 for more information.*

We look forward to seeing you this Sunday at 10 AM. HAPPY LAST WEEK IN THE EASTER SEASON!

NEPONSET RIVER DEANERY UPDATE

The Neponset River Deanery met 5/1 and enjoyed the hospitality of Church of The Holy Spirit, Mattapan. Attendees enjoyed a presentation about the consulting services offered by the Diocese; we listened to an update from the Diocesan Council and also heard from other parishes about recent events.

A new Neponset River Deanery Facebook page has been established for Parish leaders to post their upcoming events and for all parishioners to view what others have posted. If you are able, please take a look at (and join) our new Deanery Facebook page: [Neponset River Deanery Facebook Page](#)

FINAL WEEK BEFORE WE ELECT OUR NEXT DIOCESAN BISHOP!



Among the many wonderful reasons to celebrate being a member of the Episcopal Church is our democratic governance by both clergy and laity. Ed and Frank Fleming are Emmanuel's elected Diocesan Delegates who will be representing us in voting for our 17th Bishop at the Special Diocesan Convention Saturday May 18, 2024. While only our elected delegates cast actual votes, each of us is invited (and encouraged) to become involved and to learn more. Please email Frank (FrankVFleming@gmail.com) or Ed (Flemi740@aol.com) before May 17th to let one of them know which nominee you prefer when they represent us in the voting.

The Diocese has recently updated the information on their website to include video presentations from the candidates as well as to plan zoom sessions for some of the previously published in person sessions to Meet & Greet the candidates. Information in this newsletter as of this moment is copied from the Diocesan website, but you are encouraged to go directly to the actual website using links or the QR code below to get the most up-to-date facts:



[Bishop Candidate Meet and Greet Sessions](#)

[Bishop Candidate Written and Video Presentations](#)

- **Tuesday, May 7, 7-8:30 p.m.** at All Saints' Parish, Ashmont (209 Ashmont Street) in Dorchester (**Alert to Red Line T riders:** *Because of track repairs, shuttle buses are replacing regular subway service between Park Street and JFK/UMass stations, and also, starting at 8:30 p.m., between JFK/UMass and Ashmont stations. Extra time and patience may be required. Find more details on the MBTA site [here.](#)*)
- **Wednesday, May 8, 10-11:30 a.m.** at St. Mary's Church (3055 Main Street) in Barnstable: [Barnstable livestream](#)
- **Wednesday, May 8, 7-8:30 p.m.** at St. Thomas's Church (111 High Street) in Taunton: **Livestream from Taunton planned; Link to come**
- **Thursday, May 9, 2-3:30 p.m.** at Christ Church (1132 Highland Avenue) in Needham: **Livestream from Needham planned; Link to come**
- **Friday, May 10, 7-8:30 p.m.** at Christ Church (33 Central Street) in Andover (*with childcare*). **Spanish translation will be offered at the Andover gathering. *Se ofrecerá interpretación al español en la reunión de Andover el 10 de mayo.***
- **Saturday, May 11, 10:30-noon** on Zoom (*with special Zoom rooms for youth and young adults, as well as for all others*). [Register for the May 11 Zoom gathering here.](#)

Candidates are: The Rev. Dr. Brendan J Barnicle; The Rev. Edwin D. Johnson, The Rev. Canon Jean Baptiste Ntagengwa, ThD; The Very Reverend Gideon L. K. Pollach; and The Reverend Julia K. Whitworth. You can read each of their letters of introduction, resumes and responses to the following 5 questions at: www.diomass.org/bishop-search/bishop-nominees

Let us pray for the Election of a Bishop. *Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a bishop for this Diocese, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (BCP p 818)*

Watch Emmanuel via Facebook/YouTube

Can't make it to church? No problem. You can catch the live service or later on [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#). Want to donate to our continuing ministry? Donate online [HERE](#) or visit our [website donate page](#).



We pray for peace and reconciliation throughout the Ukraine and the Middle East and everywhere in the world. It may be spring, 2024 but the suffering of innocent people continues. Our prayers truly help, as they keep us mindful of God's love for us and his miracles.

For those in sorrow, anguish, despair and for those who are sick, especially Michelle, Ken, Emerson, Barbara, Kenneth, Lynnette, Christina, Carol, Julie, Stanley, Peter, Felix, Mary, Catherine, Michael, Parker, Sergio, Martha, Anne, Patricia, Barbara, Maureen, Rachael, Louise, Scott, Kathleen, Paul, Eddy, Christopher; that they may find hope.

If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please be in touch with The Rev. Jonathan Eden (therev.jonteden@gmail.com 617.798.0700)

Pray for and support Ukraine/ Please consider donating to one of these curated and trusted organizations raising money for Ukraine: <https://www.helpsaveukraine.org/>



СЛАВА УКРАЇНІ!

REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR SUMMER CAMP AT THE BARBARA C. HARRIS EPISCOPAL CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER

Summer Camps at BCH in Greenfield, NH are inclusive Christian formation ministries of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts in partnership with the dioceses New Hampshire and Western Massachusetts.

You and your family are welcome here! As an Episcopal camp, we are passionate about being a safe space for all campers and families and we strive for a rich diversity of campers and staff. Each week chaplains participate in all camp activities and lead space for chapel and reflection.

Family Camp: June 29 - July 2, 2024

Enjoy an extra long weekend of delicious meals, arts & crafts, swimming, boating, outside games, music, worship, and time to be together in new and expanding relationships with folks from all over New England. Come and join us for a time of rest, renewal, silliness, and an experience of Episcopal-centered, family-oriented fellowship, formation, and faith exploration. Families of all configurations are welcome.

Youth Camps:

Camp Session 1- July 7-12, 2024

Camp Session 2- July 14-19, 2024

Camp Session 3- July 21-26, 2024

Camp Session 4- July 28- August 2, 2024

Youth Camps are for all campers completing 2nd to 11th grade.

For more information about registration, rates, financial aid, and counselor opportunities, visit their website at: <https://bchcenter.org/bchcamp/>